

The City of Clayton
Community Equity Commission
Virtual Zoom Meeting
February 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Laura Horwitz (Chair), Chris Schmiz, Yvonne Tisdell, Ben Uchitelle, Dr. Sean Doherty (ex officio), Ellen Gale (ex officio), Kenneth Murdoch (ex officio), JoAnna Schooler (ex officio), and Laurie Anzilotti (ex officio)

Additional: Alderwoman Joanne Boulton, Alderwoman Susan Buse, City Manager David Gipson, and Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Muskopf

Minutes

Ben Uchitelle moved to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes. Yvonne Tisdell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion of 2021 Commission Priorities

Members discussed the results of the survey. Staff will work refine the list of categories to guide the discussion at the next meeting.

Presentation on St. Louis County Welcoming Plan by Kenneth Murdoch

Kenneth Murdoch shared the ongoing work that St. Louis County is doing to create a Welcoming Plan and invited the Commission to consider how the City would want to be talked about in the Plan.

2021 Citizen Survey

Assistant to the City Manager Muskopf shared that the City will be sending out the 2021 Citizen Survey this year and asked the Commission to consider what information they would like to learn from the survey to aide in their work. The Commission created a subcommittee to draft questions for consideration by the Board of Aldermen. The subcommittee includes Laura Horwitz, Chris Schmiz, Yvonne Tisdell, and JoAnna Schooler.

Old Business

Public Comments from January 14 Meeting

City Manager Gipson provided an overview on the public comments from the January 14 meeting.

Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force (Task Force)

Assistant to the City Manager Muskopf shared that the Task Force is finalizing the evaluation criteria and hope to bring the proposals to the Commission for input in April.

Subcommittee Reports

Communications Subcommittee

Chris Schmiz provided an update on the survey to update the Mission Statement. The update to the Mission Statement is on the February 23 Board of Aldermen Agenda.

Ben Uchitelle motioned to reaffirm the Commission's recommendation adopt the changes to the City's Mission Statement and utilize it in the fullest possible way in their directives, communications, and the like. Yvonne Tisdell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Law Enforcement Subcommittee

Stuart Berkowitz shared that the Subcommittee met with the Municipal Court Judge to learn more and Chief Smith will be meeting with them in the coming weeks to update them on the traffic stop data.

Public Comment

Kathleen Gund shared her suggestions on the Board's priorities including the visualization of whether the items are a fence (barrier) or ladder (opportunity). She also inquired about the history of the subsidized units dropping, what are we going to do to not let that happen again, and/or build upon the current number of subsidized units. Lastly, she asked if the reference in the Commission's Annual Report about a "web presence" referring to the City's website.

Member Comments

JoAnna Schooler shared information about the ongoing lecture series and an upcoming event on March 13th about the anti-racism and the inequities that have been spotlighted by Black Lives Matter as well as how the current pandemic has disproportionately affected people of color.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.